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Durham Police Charge Man with Committing Three Business Robberies

Durham police investigators have charged 47-year-old Willie Morte Daniel with committing three robberies of businesses during a four-day period last month.



Daniel was charged in connection with the following incidents:

- January 26 – A male entered Lowe's Home Improvement at 117 William Penn Plaza shortly before 8:30 p.m. and went to the register to make a purchase. The male gave the clerk some cash and when she opened the cash drawer, he grabbed money from the drawer and fled. He was charged with one count of common-law robbery.
- January 28 – A male entered Bragtown Family Fare BP at 3101 North Roxboro Street around 11:45 p.m. and reached in his pocket as if he had a gun. He demanded money from the clerk and threatened to shoot her. He was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon.
- January 29 – A male entered McDonald's at 2700 Guess Road around 5:30 p.m. and went to a register. He demanded money and threatened to shoot the clerk if she did not comply. He was charged with one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Daniel was originally arrested on January 30 after a chase by Durham County deputies following a robbery and an attempted robbery in Durham County. Durham police investigators served their robbery warrants on Daniel this morning. He remains in the Durham County Jail.